

In The Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A system for speech processing, comprising:  
speech data generated from one or more speech sources;  
an enhanced phone set that includes acoustic-phonetic symbols and  
connectors for extending said enhanced phone set;  
a transcription generated by a transcription process that selects appropriate  
phones from said enhanced phone set to represent said speech data;  
and  
transformation rules applied to said enhanced phone set to produce a  
transformed phone dataset, said transformed phone dataset being used  
in building a phonetic dictionary.
  
5. (Once Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein said transformation rules are  
applied to said phone dataset to produce said transformed phone dataset, said  
transformed phone dataset being for use in training a speech recognizer.

Please cancel dependent claim 6.

25. (Twice Amended) A method for speech processing, comprising the steps of:  
generating speech data from one or more speech sources;  
providing an enhanced phone set that includes acoustic-phonetic symbols and  
connectors for extending said enhanced phone set;  
producing a transcription using a transcription process that selects  
appropriate phones from said enhanced phone set to represent said  
speech data; and  
applying transformation rules to said enhanced phone set to produce a  
transformed phone dataset, said transformed phone dataset being used  
in building a phonetic dictionary.

29. (Once Amended) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of  
applying said transformation rules to said phone dataset to produce said  
transformed phone dataset, said transformed phone dataset being for use in  
training a speech recognizer.

Please cancel claim 30.